(b) Irrigation is a State subject. Projects are planned, funded and implemented by the State Government from their own resources. The completion of the project depends upon the priority attached to it by the State Government.

Medical Herbs

2498. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any efforts have been made to locate and identify the rare and precious medical herbs mentioned in the various Ayurvedic texts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of research done in hebal medicines and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Central Council for Research in Ayurveda and Siddha, an autonomous organisation of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has established 18 Survey of Medicinal Plants units in Seventeen States of the country to survey and locate the availability of such plants. Monographs/reports have been published in this regard on the basis of survey.

The Deptt of Dravya Guna Vigyan in National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur has also done work on rare herbs "pashanabheda" and "Prasarini".

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Research Councils, Institutions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and various other organisations specifically CSIR, are engaged in research on herbal medicines. Papers/bulletine have already been published in this regard.

National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur has also undertaken Research on Herbal Medicines like Prasarini, Shefalika, Mustak etc.

[Translation]

Amount for Repair of N.H. in M.P.

2499. SHRIMATI CHHABILA ARVIND NETAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the amount sanctioned for their repair during the last three years;

(c) whether the sanctioned amount has been fully utilised, and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Nine.

(b) Rs. 4983.81 lacs were allocated, as Maintenance and Repair grants, during the years 1993-97 to 1995-96.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Pay of Anganwadi Teachers

2500. SHRI S. AJAY KUMAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the pay and other allowances of Anganwadi Teachers or Helpers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken in this regard with time frame of implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) :(a) No, Sir. The Anganwadi Workers and Helpers are honorary workers and are paid a fixed amount of honorarium per month. The Government had raised the honorarium of anganwadi workers and helpers w.e.f. October 2, 1992.

(b) Does not arise.

Ahmedabad-Vadodapa Express Way

2501. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA :
SHRI VIJAY PATEL :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank aided Ahmedabad-Vadodara Express way NE-I was taken up in the year 1987;

(b) if so, the progress made so far.

(c) the annual allocation made during the current financial year and the amount spent during each of last three years; and

(d) the time schedule for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The physical progress of Road and Bridge works is about 59.18% till November '96.

(c) A sum of Rs. 10.00 crores has been allocated for the project during the current (1996-97) financial year. The expenditure figures for the last 3 years are as under :

1993-94	Rs. 31.63 Crores
1994-95	Rs. 19.12 "
1995-96	Rs. 14.00 " (upto November' 96)